

REMARKS

Claims 40-47 are pending. Claims 1-31 were canceled in a preliminary amendment. Claims 32-39 were previously canceled. Claims 40-45 are canceled herein. Claims 46 and 47 are amended herein. Claims 48-52 are newly added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments made herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 46 indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base Claim 40 and intervening Claim 45. As mentioned above, Claims 40-45 are canceled herein. Newly added Claims 48-52 depend from allowable Claim 46. Thus, no contested claims remain in the application. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the remaining claims in the application are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

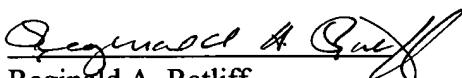
In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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